

**REGIONAL LABOR MARKET AREA 4
THIRD QUARTER 2002
COVERED EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES**

Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette
St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, Vermilion



The average quarterly employment for RLMA 4 during third quarter 2002 was 242,798, a decrease of 0.5% from the second quarter 2002, and a decrease of 1.1% from the same period in 2001. Employment increased in eight of the 20 NAICS sectors from the second quarter 2002. The largest percentage increase of 22.2% was in agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting.

Average quarterly employment data for third quarter 2002, second quarter 2002, third quarter 2001, and the percent change for the major industry sectors is shown in the table "Average Quarterly Employment" on page 40. Retail trade was the leading industry in RLMA 4 with 32,249 employees, or 13.4% of total employment. Lafayette was the leading parish with 119,860 employees, or 49.4% of total employment.

Total wages increased 0.4% from the same period in 2001, and increased 1.1% from the second quarter 2002, for an average weekly wage of \$563.70. St. Mary parish had the highest average weekly wage of \$611.53.

Average weekly wage data for each parish in RLMA 4 is listed in the table below. The average weekly wage data for all parishes within each NAICS sector is shown in the table "Regional Labor Market Area 4" beginning on page 43.

Parish	Avg. Wkly. Wage
Acadia	\$ 442.36
Evangeline	443.08
Iberia	546.39
Lafayette	609.91
St. Landry	466.25
St. Martin	405.46
St. Mary	611.53
Vermilion	561.43

The number of reporting units in RLMA 4 for third quarter 2002 was 16,130.

Due to the conversion to NAICS, this data should not be compared to data in publications prior to first quarter 2001.

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MONTHLY EMPLOYMENT

